

PUBLIC SCOPING HEARING NOTICE

The Township of Brick has contacted the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, seeking “after the fact” approval for the diversion/disposal of a total of 2.636 acres of parkland. The diversion/disposal area is part of Michael Milano Park (also known as the Police Athletic League property), is located at 60 Drum Point Road, and is designated for tax purposes as Block 548.01, part of Lots 21 and 23.04. The disposal area (0.172 acre) was conveyed in fee simple to Ocean County in 2002 for road widening purposes as part of the reconstruction of Brick Boulevard from Beaverson Boulevard to Duquesne Boulevard. The diverted area (2.464 acres) was used to construct stormwater management facilities as part of the road project. The unauthorized uses were discovered by Green Acres Program staff in 2009 as part of a lease review for the PAL building at Michael Milano Park, at which point the Township began working with the Program to seek NJDEP and State House Commission approval for the diversion/disposal.

As compensation, the Township proposes to dedicate as parkland a 5.272-acre portion of undeveloped land at Beaton Point, located on Beverly Beach Road, within Blocks 1370, Lots 3, 6 and 8. The Township of Brick participated in the acquisition of the replacement parcels along with Ocean County, which owns and manages the parcels. The replacement land is to be held as undeveloped conservation land.

A scoping hearing to obtain public comment on this request has been scheduled in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.8(a).

To access the meeting please follow this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89675506538?pwd=N00zbzl4ODQzNnNFZzErbjh1M1Rydz09>

Meeting ID: 896 7550 6538

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Written comments on the diversion/disposal request may be directed to Vinnie Palmieri at 732-262-1325 at 401 Chambersbridge Road, Brick, NJ 08723 or email vpalmieri@twp.brick.nj.us.

Please send a copy of any comments submitted on this request via email to Mackenzie.Piggott@dep.nj.gov or to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, Mail Code 501-01, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 Attn: Mackenzie Piggott. Public comment on this diversion/disposal request will be accepted during the scoping hearing or until April 6, 2021.

Date of Public Hearing: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm

End Comment Period: April 6, 2021